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**HIGHLY-STRUCTURED SILICA HAVING A LOW WATER UPTAKE, PREPARATION
METHOD THEREOF AND USES OF SAME**

the specification of which (check only one item below):

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